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TAGS: MOPS PFOR PINS IN IS UG

SUBJECT: INDIAN PRESS COMMENT ON ISRAELI RAID

BEGIN SUMMARY: MOST EDITORIAL COMMENT IN DELHI'S ENGLISH-  
LANGUAGE PRESS ON THE ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION AT ENTEBBE  
AIRPORT PRAISED THE FEAT BUT HELD TEL AVIV RESPONSIBLE  
FOR VIOLATION OF UGANDAN SOVEREIGNTY. END SUMMARY.

1. INDIAN PRESS COMMENT ON THE ISRAELI RAID AT ENTEBBE  
AIRPORT TERMED THE ISRAELI OPERATION "EXTRAORDINARY...  
FANTASTIC... SPECTACULAR" (INDIAN EXPRESS); "A  
MOST NOTABLE FEAT OF ARMS" (STATESMAN), AND "BRILLIANT"  
(TIMES OF INDIA). SOME COMMENTATORS CRITICIZED THE OPERATION  
AS "WANTON" (CONGRESS-ORIENTED NATIONAL HERALD) AND  
"UNCIVILIZED" (MOSCOW-LINING PATRIOT).

2. EDITORIAL WRITERS UNIFORMLY CONDEMNED THE ISRAELI  
ACTION AS A VIOLATION OF UGANDAN SOVEREIGNTY. THE INDIAN EXPRESS  
JUDGED THAT IT "AMOUNTS TO TERRORISM OF A KIND THAT IS  
NO DIFFERENT FROM THAT OF THE SKYJACKERS ACTING IN SMALL  
GROUPS..." THE NATIONAL HERALD OBSERVED THAT THE POLICY OF "AN  
EYE FOR AN EYE IS PART OF THE ZIONIST TRADITION  
AND ISRAEL SEEMS TO BE DETERMINED TO SETTLE EVERY INTER-  
NATIONAL ISSUE WHICH CONCERNS HER BY THE USE OF FORCE."

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THE PATRIOT WARNED THAT TO LET ISRAEL "GO UNPUNISHED FOR

BRAZEN AGGRESSION, VIOLATION OF UGANDA'S SOVEREIGNTY AND  
KILLING OF ITS SOLDIERS WOULD BE TO GIVE THE  
ZIONIST STATE ENCOURAGEMENT IN ITS HORRIBLE CARRER OF TERRORISM AND  
VIOLENCE."SAXBE

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